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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

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SUBJECT: Designation of Mr. [] as CIA Representative to Assist Mr. Peter A. Gerardi, Member of Staff of House Committee on Science and Astronautics**REFERENCE:** DD/S&T Memorandum, dated 13 July 1965, Same Subject

1. I am forwarding a Memorandum for the Record concerning a meeting between a member of my staff and Mr. Peter A. Gerardi on the Committee's recent request to us for assistance in preparing a staff study on foreign space efforts.

2. As you are aware, our policy in dealing with committees of the Congress is that we are prepared to offer whatever assistance we can subject, of course, to security considerations and the primacy of the four subcommittees which deal continually and directly with CIA matters. Technically, the Science and Astronautics Committee has general jurisdiction to investigate the area proposed in the staff study. However, it is also clear that a point may be reached where the jurisdiction of the Armed Services Committee obtains. The possible jurisdictional problem is one for the House itself to decide and not the Agency. (See attached statement concerning the jurisdiction of the two Committees.)

3. It appears to me that it is too early to determine whether we will have to go so far as to clear Mr. Gerardi for TKH. Hopefully, we may be able to satisfy his interests by providing information at a lower

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level. To date, the release of TKH material has been limited to members of our Subcommittees and selected staff members of those Subcommittees. In our dealings with the Science and Astronautics Committee, we have not gone beyond the Top Secret level. Therefore, if and when it is determined that Mr. Gerardi's depth of interest in connection with the proposed study goes into the TKH area, I would be reluctant to recommend that we accede to his request without first alerting our four Subcommittees to resolve any technical jurisdictional problems this may pose and secondly obtaining a policy go ahead from the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence as you suggest.

4. Another problem you have raised with respect to this proposed study relates to the need for coordination within the Community on what is released to Mr. Gerardi, and I would hope that your substantive people in this area can assure that such coordination is accomplished.

25X1 5. In view of your designation of Mr. [] as the Agency representative assigned the task of consulting with Mr. Gerardi and believing that it is well that a member of the Office of Legislative Counsel be closely in touch with this matter until it is fully developed and working smoothly, I recommend that Mr. []
25X1 see Mr. Gerardi and that preparatory to such a meeting, Mr. [] identify what material, if any, could be made available for Mr. Gerardi's use at a level below TKH but at a level above Missiles and Rockets.

S/ Lawrence R. Houston
LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON
General Counsel

Attachments:

- a. Jurisdiction of Committee on Science and Astronautics
- b. Jurisdiction of Committee on Armed Services
- c. Memorandum for the Record, dated 15 July 1965

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Remarks: Attached packaged is one in response to DD/S&T memo in connection with the House Astronautics Committee proposed staff study on foreign space efforts. In it, we are forwarding the substance of my meeting with Mr. Gerardi and your recommendation that we hold off on TKH clearance for him until we get a better idea as to the depth which will satisfy him. To keep the matter rolling, you are suggesting that the DD/S&T representative [REDACTED] meet with Gerardi but first have in hand whatever information we can give him at a level lower than TKH.					
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